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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Denise Faustman

Art Unit: 1648

Serial No.: 08/925,627

Examiner: L. Scheiner

Filed: September 9, 1997

Title: METHODS FOR INHIBITING REJECTION OF TRANSPLANTED  
TISSUEAssistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231PETITION TO WITHDRAW NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

Under 37 CFR §1.8(b) and §1.181, applicant hereby petitions to withdraw the Notice of Abandonment mailed December 16, 1999 (copy enclosed). According to the Notice, the application was abandoned under 37 CFR §1.135 for failure to reply to the Examiner's Action mailed May 17, 1999. However, as explained below, a reply was timely filed on November 17, 1999.

The undersigned, applicant's attorney of record, first became aware of the abandonment on December 20, 1999, upon receipt of the Notice of Abandonment and

submits that this petition to withdraw the Notice is being promptly submitted as required by 37 CFR §1.8(b)(1).

The following documents are submitted under 37 CFR §1.8(b)(2) as proof that a reply was timely filed on November 17, 1999:

1. A copy of the reply, including an executed certificate of mailing signed by Colleen A. Coyne on November 17, 1999.
2. A copy of the Petition for Extension of Time, including an executed certificate of mailing signed by Colleen A. Coyne on November 17, 1999, which extended the period for replying to the Examiner's Action for three months, to and including November 17, 1999;
3. A copy of the check dated November 17, 1999 and postcard dated November 17, 1999 that were included with the reply and Petition for Extension.
4. A copy of the postcard stamped received by the PTO Mailroom on November 19, 1999.

Also enclosed are original signed declarations under 37 CFR §1.8(b)(3) by:

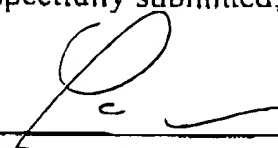
1. Colleen A. Coyne, attesting on the basis of personal knowledge that the above documents were timely filed on November 17, 1999.
2. Sandra E. Marxen, attesting on the basis of personal knowledge to the mail procedures in effect on November 17, 1999.

Applicant submits that the reply was timely filed and requests that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn.

If there are any charges, or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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